

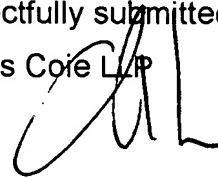
REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 5-31 are pending. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4 and have added new claims 5-31. Support for the newly added claims can be found in the specification at, for example, pp.4-6, 8-9 and 17.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 359-3599.

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